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SUBJ: US PROPOSAL FOR INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT ON ILLICIT PAYMENTS

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1. IN RESPONSE REFTEL, ECON COUNSELOR CALLED MAY 17 ON PLANNING COMMISSION SECRETARY KAFILUDDIN MAHMOOD, URGED BDG SUPPORT OF ECOSOC FOR US PROPOSAL, AND LEFT STATEMENT OF US POSITION AND RATIONALE THEREFORE, DRAWN FROM REFTEL, TOGETHER WITH TEXT OF US PROPOSAL AS FORWARDED TO ECOSOC. MAHMOOD NOTED HIS MINISTRY WOULD BE PREPARING RECOMMENDED BDG POSITIONS FOR ECOSOC AND DID NOT ANTICIPATE PROBLEM IN SUPPORTING US POSITION.

2. ECON COUNSELOR ALSO DISCUSSED ISSUE WITH TANWEER MURSHED, THE PLANNING COMMISSION OFFICER SPECIFICALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR PREPARING INSTRUCTIONS FOR BDG DELEGATION, WHO REJOINED PLANNING COMMISSION ONLY WEEK EARLIER, FOLLOWING RETURN FROM TRAINING ASSIGNMENT ABROAD.

ABSENCE OF BOTH RELEVANT FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS AT ISLAMIC FOREIGN MINISTERS CONFERENCE HAS DEALYED OUR APPROACH

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TO THAT MINISTRY.

3. COMMENT. IT EXTREMELY RARE FOR BDG OFFICIALS AT SENIOR LEVELS TO FOCUS ON ISSUES, EVEN OF THIS IMPORTANCE, MORE THAN FEW DAYS IN ADVANCE OF DELEGATION'S DEPARTURE FOR MEETING CONCERNED. ACCORDINGLY, IT NOT SURPRISING THERE NOT YET ANY BDG REACTION TO US PROPOSAL. WE PURPOSE FOLLOW UP WITH BDG OFFICIALS CONCERNED IN LATE JUNE, WHEN WE EXPECT AT LEAST ONE OR TWO HIGHER LEVEL POLICY OFFICIALS WILL BE TURNING ATTENTION TO ISSUES BEFORE ECOSOC.
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